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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of three month(s) to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2003 from July 28, 2003, up to and including October 28, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed by way of our authorization to charge the requisite fee of \$475.00 (and any additional fees or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1552 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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